

# Eastern Minnesota League

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From: Jim Brennan

Secretary-Treasurer

Eastern Minnesota League

Subject: 2021 Organization Meeting Minutes

The League meeting was called to order by Jay Pautzke at 4:05 p.m. on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Sidelines Bar and Grill in Cambridge.

Present:	North President	- Dallas Jelmberg	Chisago Lakes	- Chuck Fitzer
	South President	- Jay Pautzke	Ramsey	- Ben Poidinger
	North Vice President	- Jim Jarvis	Rum River	- Tom Koplitzl
	Central Vice President	- Tom Koplitz	St. Francis	- Luke Scardigli
	South Vice President	- Terry Olson	Isanti	- Steve Allen, David Englund
	Nowthen	- Terry Olson	Mora	- Jay Pautzke
	North Branch	- Jimmy Skroch, Nick Solberg	Quamba	- Lucas Athey
	Braham	- Andy Beckstrom	Hinckley	- Josh Thom, Jeremy Storlie
	East Bethel	- Dallas Jelmberg	Hibbing	- Jamie Steinberg, Zakk Bandemer
			Princeton	- John Patanode, Grant Brockhouse
Absent:	Central President	- Tim Thom		
	Webmaster	- Derrick Hinds		

Motion by Isanti, Second by Chisago Lakes "To accept the September 27, 2020 Fall meeting minutes."

VOTE: Yes 14, No 0 MOTION PASSED

## Treasurers Report

The Treasurers Report was presented for year ending December 31, 2020. Motion by Isanti, Second by East Bethel "To accept the Treasurers Report as presented." VOTE: Yes 14, No 0 MOTION PASSED

## New Business

### League Membership

No new teams had applied for membership.

Motion by Chisago Lakes, Second by Princeton "To use the same 2020 three leagues structure for the 2021 season:

#### Eastern Minnesota South

East Bethel  
Nowthen  
Princeton  
Ramsey  
St. Francis

#### Eastern Minnesota Central

Chisago Lakes  
Isanti  
North Branch  
Rum River

#### Eastern Minnesota North

Braham  
Hibbing  
Hinckley  
Mora  
Quamba

VOTE: Yes 14, No 0 MOTION PASSED

### Election of Officers

**South** - Motion by Princeton, Second by Ramsey "President Jay Pautzke, VP Terry Olson, Secretary Jim Brennan."

MOTION PASSED Yes 5, No 0

**Central** - Motion by Isanti, Second Chisago Lakes "President Dallas Jelmberg, VP Tom Koplitz, Secretary Jim Brennan."

MOTION PASSED Yes 4, No 0

**North** - Motion by Hinckley, Second by Hibbing "President Jim Skroch, VP Jim Jarvis, Secretary Jim Brennan."

MOTION PASSED Yes 5, No 0

**Website Administrator** - - Motion by Isanti, Second by Ramsey "Nominating Derrick Hinds Website Administrator"

MOTION PASSED Yes 14, No 0

**Umpire Coordinator** - Motion by Isanti, Second by Ramsey "Nominating Jim Jarvis Umpire Coordinator"

MOTION PASSED Yes 14, No 0

**Umpires** - - Motion by Chisago Lakes, Second by East Bethel "Approve the following Umpire fees"

Umpire Coordinator Jim Jarvis reported that the fees would remain the same as 2020:

\$115 one man 9 inning game  
\$100 one man one 7 inning game  
\$200 one man two 7 inning games  
\$100 per man, two men one 9 inning game  
\$12 per inning for resumption of a suspended game if it is piggybacked to another game.  
Hibbing home game fee is as presented above if local Umpires work the game.  
If local umpires aren't available and the Umpire is assigned by Jim Jarvis the fee will be:  
\$150 one man 9 inning game  
\$125 one man one 7 inning game  
\$250 one man two 7 inning games  
\$125 per man, two men one 9 inning game  
The extra fees paid will be reported to the League Secretary/Treasurer to be recorded and used as payment for the following year team league dues.

**Website Game Statistics** - Ben Poidinger will monitor the website for team updates of game statistics for the 2020 season.

**MBA AD** – Motion by Rum River, Second by Ramsey “To place an Eastern Minnesota League’s AD on the MBA website.”  
VOTE: Yes 14, No 0 MOTION PASSED

### Constitution and By-Law Changes

Motion by Isanti, Second by Chisago Lakes “To accept the following changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.”  
VOTE: Yes 14, No 0 MOTION PASSED

The By-Law Committee recommended the following changes to the Constitution and By-Laws:

#### Constitution

##### **Change Article 3. – Membership - Paragraph 2.**

**From:** Each member team must pay annual dues which will be determined each year at the January Organization meeting and maintain a \$135 forfeiture fee reserve balance with the League. The dues payment for new teams will be a two year payment of the amount set.

**To:** Each member team must pay annual dues which will be determined each year at the January Organization meeting and maintain a forfeiture fee reserve balance with the League based on the current year’s game umpire fee plus \$25. The dues payment for new teams will be a two year payment of the amount set.

#### By-Laws

##### **Change Article 4. – Game Rules - Paragraph B.**

**From:** The home team has the final say in determining starting game times and it is recommended to be:

1. Night games - 7:30 pm for Monday thru Saturday games and 7:00 pm for Sunday games
2. Day game start time will be 2:00 or 4:00 pm. Time will be determined by the home team and flexibility maybe needed due to field circumstances.

**To:** The home team has the final say in determining starting game times and flexibility maybe needed due to field circumstances.

##### **Change Article 4. – Game Rules – Paragraph J.**

**From:** The MBA official baseballs should be used. Mixing different baseball brands during a game will not be allowed. Visiting team can supply the approved baseballs and will be reimbursed by the Home Team in cash or with approved baseballs.

**To:** The official baseball for the Eastern Minnesota Leagues shall be the official ball of the MBA State Tournament (Rawlings flat seam baseball FSRxxx). Unless a different baseball is agreed upon in writing by both Managers.

##### **Change Article 5. – Playing Fields – Paragraph D.**

**Delete:** All teams must obtain a working scoreboard, not necessarily electric, but one that keeps a running score by inning.

##### **Change Article 6. – League Schedule – Paragraph B.**

**From:** Rain out games must be rescheduled and played within Four (4) weeks of the postponed game. The exception would be when the rescheduled game is part of a double header that is past the four week period. The League Secretary and the Umpire Assignment Coordinator must be notified immediately of the new date.

**To:** Rain out games must be rescheduled within one week of the postponed game. The League Secretary and the Umpire Assignment Coordinator must be notified immediately of the new date.

##### **Change Article 6. – League Schedule – Paragraph H.**

**From:** Team League game statistics must be entered on the Eastern Minnesota League website. The statistics for batters and pitchers must be entered every Tuesday and include all games played since the last update. A fee of \$25 for each unreported game will be assessed. The league can appoint someone to monitor unless someone volunteers.

**To:** Team League game statistics must be entered on the Eastern Minnesota League website. The statistics for batters and pitchers must be entered every Tuesday and include all games played since the last update. A fee of \$25 for each unreported game will be assessed. The league can appoint someone to monitor unless someone volunteers. A text message or an email must be sent to the person monitoring game statistics.

**Change Article 7. –Player Responsibilities – Paragraph B.**

**From:** No penalty will be assessed for the first ejection during a League game. All ejections after the first ejection during a League game will result in a penalty of one (1) League game suspension in addition to the game he was ejected from. The next League game he attends will be the penalty game and the Player must be in uniform and in the dugout for one game until the penalty is served and he is eligible to play again in a League sanctioned game. However, if the next League game is a forfeited game the penalty is served by the non-forfeiting team. For a Manager and Player/Manager, he cannot be in the dugout when serving the penalty (League sanctioned game). If the game that a Player or Manager is ejected from is their teams last League or League Play-off game, the penalty will carry over to the first League game of the next season.

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**Region Commissioner** – Tom Koplitz was approved by the MBA as Region 1C Commissioner.

**League Schedule** – Motion by Isanti, Second by Princeton “Teams will play every team in their league twice in their league and teams in the other two leagues once.”

**Schedule Changes** – April 15th is the cutoff for changes. This is the schedule that will be used for assigning umpires. All changes after April 19th<sup>1</sup> should be sent to Jim Brennan, Jim Jarvis and Derrick Hinds.

Dues – Check Payable to Jim Brennan					
	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Forfeit Fee</u>	<u>Missed Mtg</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Due</u>
Braham	400	5		0	405
Chisago Lakes	200	5		205	0
East Bethel	0	5		5	0
Hibbing	0	5		5	0
Hinckley	200	5		205	0
Mora	200	0		195	5
Isanti	200	5		205	0
North Branch	200	5		200	5
Nowthen	200	5		205	0
Princeton	200	5		0	205
Quamba	200	5		205	0
Ramsey	200	5	20	225	0
Rum River	200	5		205	0
St. Francis	0	5		5	0

Team League dues are \$200, Team Forfeiture Reserve was increased \$5 to \$140

<b>Next Meetings</b>
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Sunday March 14, 2021

1:30

Sidelines Bar and Grill

Cambridge, Mn

Meeting adjourned at 7.20

Jim Brennan

Secretary